

House Bill 373 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23rd, Amerson of the 9th, and Knox of the 24th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Forsyth County, approved
2 March 24, 1992 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5052), as amended, so as to provide for the election of the
3 members of the board of education by district; to provide for preclearance under Section 5
4 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide for related matters; to
5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 An Act providing for the Board of Education of Forsyth County, approved March 24, 1992
9 (Ga. L. 1992, p. 5052), as amended, is amended by revising Section 2 to read as follows:

10 **"SECTION 2.**

11 There shall be one member of the board from each education district. A member of the board
12 of education must reside in the education district such member represents. A candidate shall
13 designate the district from which such candidate offers for election. Beginning with the
14 general election in 2010 and continuing in subsequent elections, members of the board shall
15 be elected by the electors of their respective districts and not by the voters of the entire
16 county. The election of members of the board shall be conducted in accordance with the
17 provisions of Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.'"

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 It shall be the duty of the Board of Education of Forsyth County to cause this Act to be
20 submitted for preclearance pursuant to Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965,
21 as amended, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973c, within 45 days after its approval by the Governor or
22 its becoming law without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.